

Appln No. 10/760210
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of January 23, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of the relative replacement of the first and second portions and to recite that the detachability of the first and second portions is provided by a latch and to specify that the latch is configured to allow refilling of ink in the printhead of the first portion when the first and second portions are attached. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, page 5, lines 9-20 and page 25, lines 15-30 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Bailey in view of any one or more of Reed, Waller and Silverbrook, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the latch 7 of the cradle 4 is configured to allow access to the ink refill port 8 of the print cartridge 6 for positioning of the ink refill cartridges 160 whilst the print cartridge is retained by the cradle (see page 5, lines 9-20 and page 25, lines 15-30 of the present specification).

On the other hand, the latch assembly 80 arrangement disclosed by Bailey is specifically provided to allow replacement of the ink jet print cartridges 12A and 12B from the carriage assembly when ink is depleted (see col. 1, lines 42-47, col. 3, lines 19-35 and col. 4, lines 24-34). Thus, Bailey does not teach or suggest configuring a latch so that refilling of the cartridges attached to the carriage assembly is accommodated.

Further, none of the other references in Reed, Waller and Silverbrook make up for these deficiencies in Bailey. Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Bailey, Reed, Waller and Silverbrook either taken alone or in combination with one another.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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